GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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TELEPHONE NETWORK
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have paid emphasis on providing telephone network in the rural areas of Orissa ;

(b) if so, whether large number of telephones remain out of order because of poor service and inferior quality of telephone instruments especially in Bhadrak ,Jaipur and Cuttack districts of Orissa;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide good quality of telephone instruments in the State;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve telephone facilities in the State and the said districts; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

a) Yes, Sir.

b),(c) & (d) : No , Sir. The Circle provides good quality of telephone instruments in the State, which have been duly tested and passed by the Quality Assurance Organisation of the Department. However, if the subscriber wishes, he can have his own telephone instrument and avail a rebate of Rs. 250/-.

e) & (f) The following steps are being taken to improve telephone facilities in the state including the said districts:

i) All the exchanges in Bhadrak, Cuttack and Jaipur districts have been converted into digital electronic exchanges and the exchanges are working in duplex mode.

ii) External plants are being upgraded with advanced technology instruments/accessories and overhead lines are being replaced gradually by underground cables to minimise the fault liability.

iii) Transmission media are being upgraded in all exchanges in phased manner by OFC. All the exchanges are likely to be provided with the reliable transmission media by July,2000.

iv) Advanced communication systems like CDOT PMP and IMMARSAT are proposed for providing telephone facilities in the villages.